

Prince George County 2016 Code Enforcement Report

February 14, 2017

**Department of Community Development and
Code Compliance**



**CODE
COMPLIANCE**



**Prince George County Police Department
Community Policing Unit**

Virginia Maintenance Code

- Maintenance of structures:
 - General Exterior Building Maintenance
 - Accessory Structure Maintenance
 - Rental Property Maintenance
 - Vacant or Damaged Structures

NOTICE

"THIS STRUCTURE IS UNSAFE AND ITS USE OR OCCUPANCY HAS BEEN PROHIBITED BY THE BUILDING OFFICIAL."

ADDRESS _____

DATE _____

BUILDING OFFICIAL
County of Prince George



Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code

- Safeguard life and property from fire hazards:
 - Premises use
 - Maintenance of Fire Protection Systems
 - Storage/Use of Hazardous Material



FIRE EXIT

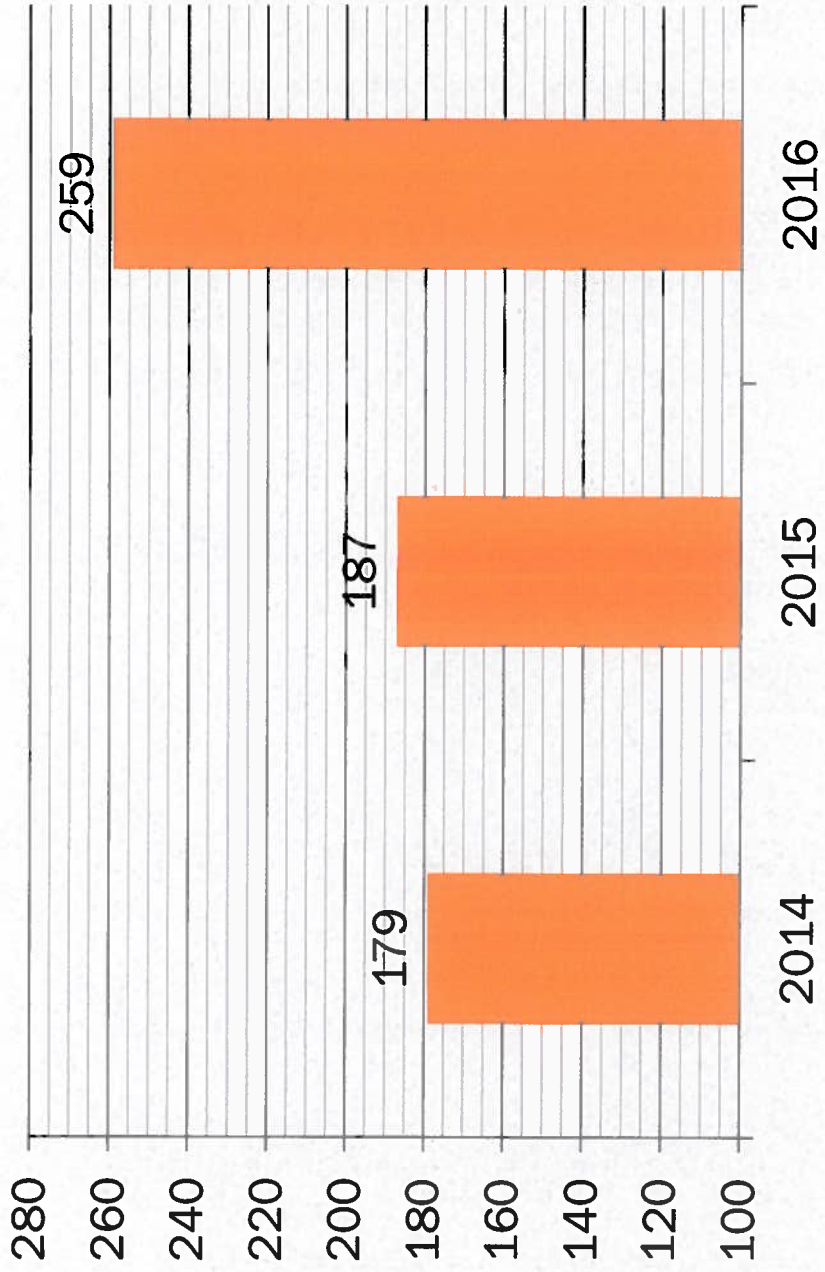
**DOOR MUST BE
KEPT UNLOCKED
DURING
BUSINESS HOURS**

Prince George County Codes & Ordinances

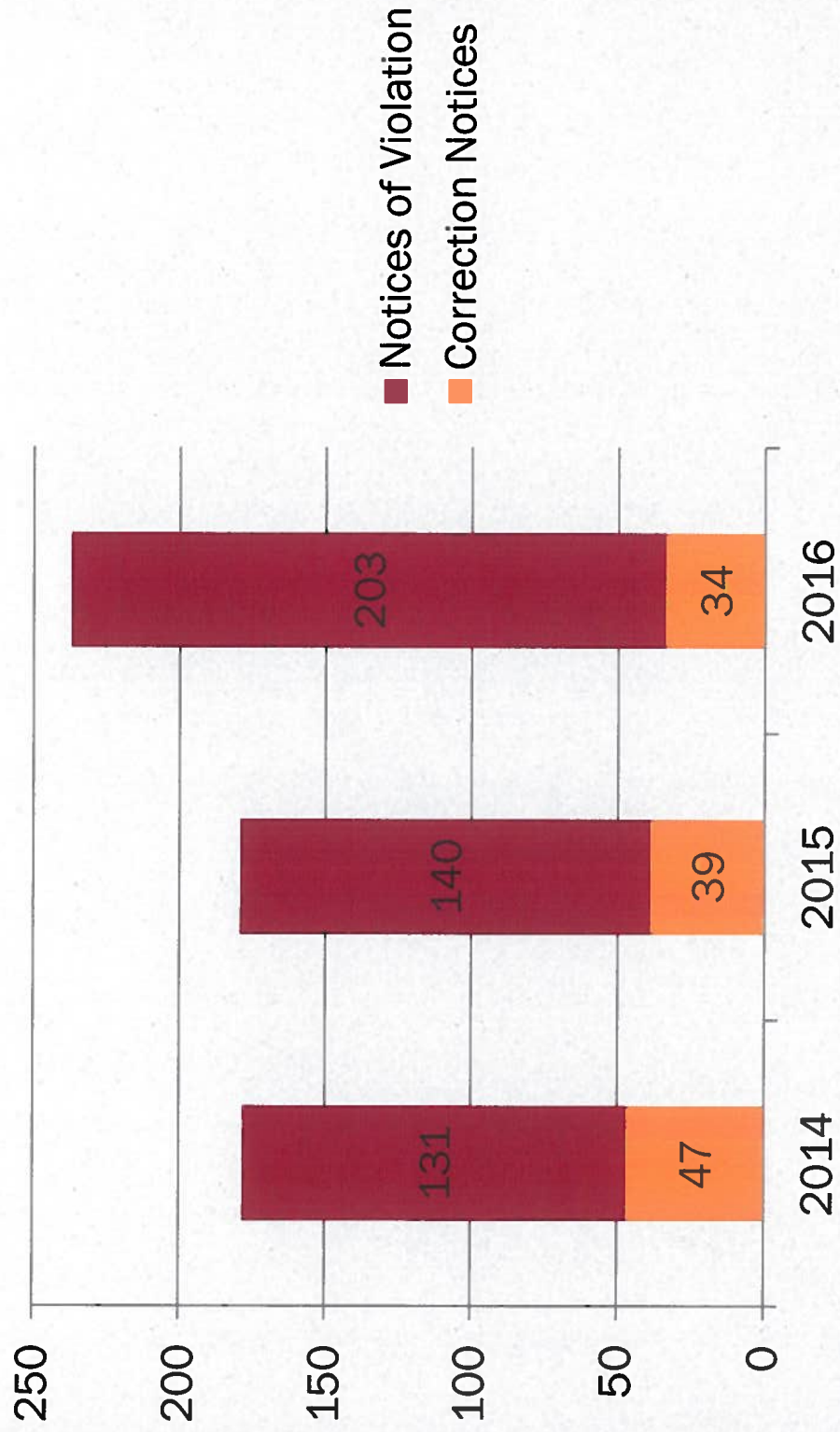
- Storage or Disposal of Trash & Refuse
- Disposal of Discarded Materials
- Open Burning
- Operating a Business From a Residence
- Zoning Conditions
- Maintenance of Grass and Weeds



Property Complaints Received



Violation Notices Issued



2016 Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Summary

- **259** property maintenance complaints were received
- **68** tall grass complaints were received
- **330** property maintenance inspections were conducted
- **237** violation notices were issued
- **6** structures were cited as “Unsafe Structures”
- **8** summonses were obtained on four properties
- Worked with mobile home park owners and residents to improve conditions in parks

Mobile Home Park Initiative



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REPORT CARD

MOBILE HOME PARK INITIATIVE

November, 2015 - December, 2016

SUBJECT	COMMENTS	GRADE
OUTREACH TO MINORITY POPULATIONS	Social Services; Hispanic population; Flyers	A
SURVEY OF EXISTING CONDITIONS AT PARKS	Older parks continue to need upgrades; Newer parks are model	B
EXPANDING ACCESS TO COUNTY SERVICES	Parks & Rec. programs; Transportation issues	C
IDENTIFICATION OF DEFICIENCIES THROUGH CODE ENFORCEMENT	Park owners' leased mobile homes cited; County reluctant to impact owner-occupied mobile homes	C
IMPROVEMENT IN TRUST LEVELS BETWEEN COUNTY AND RESIDENTS	National Night Out; Attendance at meetings	A
IMPROVEMENT IN PHYSICAL CONDITIONS IN UNDERPERFORMING PARKS	Signs; Lighting; Little consistency in level of improvements	C
IMPROVEMENT IN SERVICE LEVELS AT PARKS	Trash pickup; Dogs running at large; Public safety responses	B
UPGRADES AND REPAIRS TO INDEPENDENTLY OWNED TRAILERS	Volunteer Work Camp; No permanent source of renovation funding	B
PARK OWNERS' INVESTMENT IN UPGRADES AND RENOVATIONS	Some cosmetic improvements; No meaningful capital investment from park owners of older parks	F



Property Maintenance Complaints?

- **WEB:** Complaints can be submitted online
 - princegeorgecountyyva.gov
 - epermits.princegeorgeva.org
- **PHONE:** Complaints can be submitted by calling Code Compliance at (804) 722-8659
- **EMAIL:** Complaints can be submitted by emailing CitizenComplaint@princegeorgecountyyva.gov

COMPLAINANTS WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS

www.princegeorgecountyva.gov

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A County of the Commonwealth of Virginia

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EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTIFUL
Prince George Coun

DUCKS ON WATER
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QUICK LINKS:
Applying for Water Wastewater Service
Current Property Listing List
County Code
County Staff Links
County 311 Line
Items for Public Supplies
Jobs
Meetings & Agendas
Obtaining a Business License
Online Interactive Maps
Online Planning & Inspection Services (IPIS) (beta)
Online Real Estate Assessments
Public Notices
Large File Transfer

Meeting Minutes & Agendas
OpenGov Financial Transparency Portal
Online Real Estate Assessments
Current Bids & RFPs
Career Center

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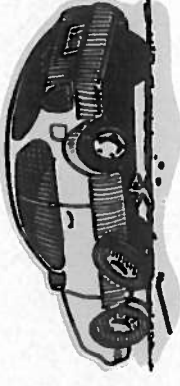
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Prince George County Inoperative Vehicle Report

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Inoperable Vehicles

County Code:78-16.1



- As used in this section, the term "inoperative motor vehicle" shall mean as defined in Code of Virginia, § 15.2-905:



Any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer which is not in operating condition; or does not display valid license plates or does not display an inspection decal that is valid or does display an inspection decal that has been expired for more than 60 days.

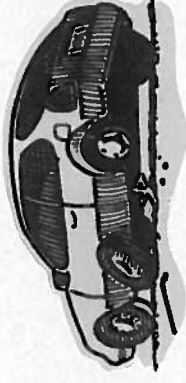


Sec. 78 -16.1(cont.)



- no person shall keep an inoperable motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer in the county except within a fully enclosed building or structure or otherwise shielded or screened from view.
- The county may remove any inoperable motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer that violates this section if, after 30 days' written notice by first class mail sent to the last known address of the owner of the property where the inoperable vehicle is located, that owner fails to remove such motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer.

Sec. 78 -16.1(cont.)



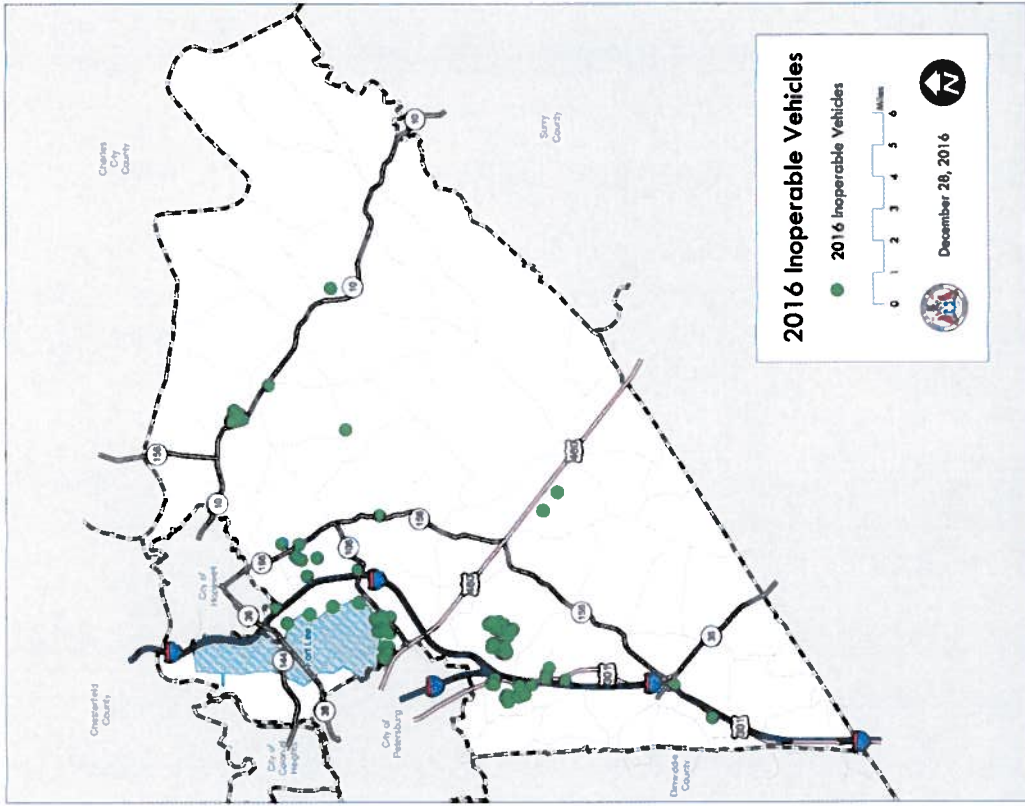
- After removal, the county may dispose of the vehicle after giving 30 days' written notice by first class mail to the last known address of the owner of the property or owner of the vehicle.
- The cost of removal and disposal shall be charged to the owner of the property or vehicle. The cost of removal shall be collected as taxes and shall constitute a lien against the property until paid.

Why?

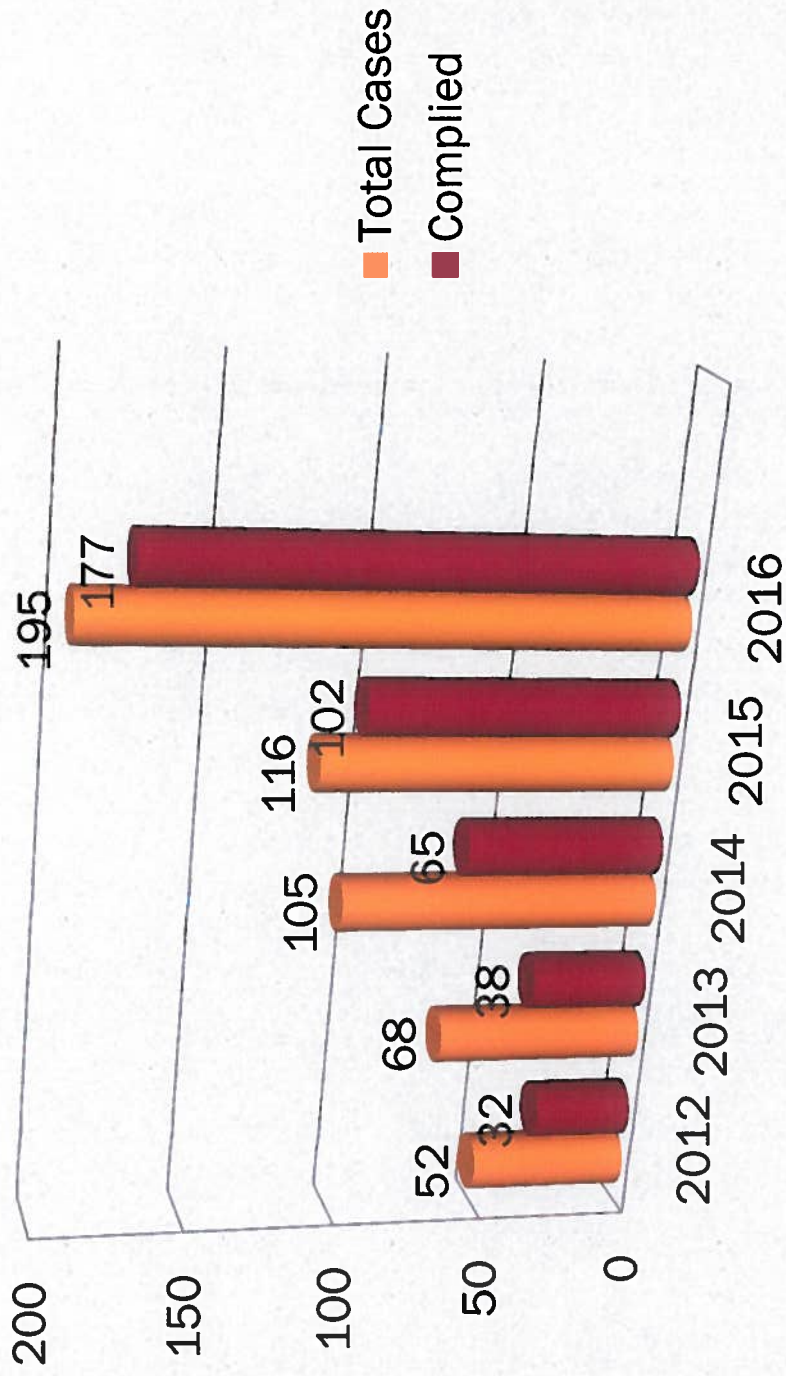
The County's code prohibits the storage and parking of inoperable vehicles on neighborhood driveways, unpaved areas or any parking area visible from public view. This regulation is designed to:

- Improve the community image
- Facilitate emergency access to homes
- Eliminate sites where debris can gather
- Abandoned or stored vehicles can be hazardous to children
- Rodents and other vermin may inhabit inoperable vehicles and may carry diseases that are harmful to the health of the community

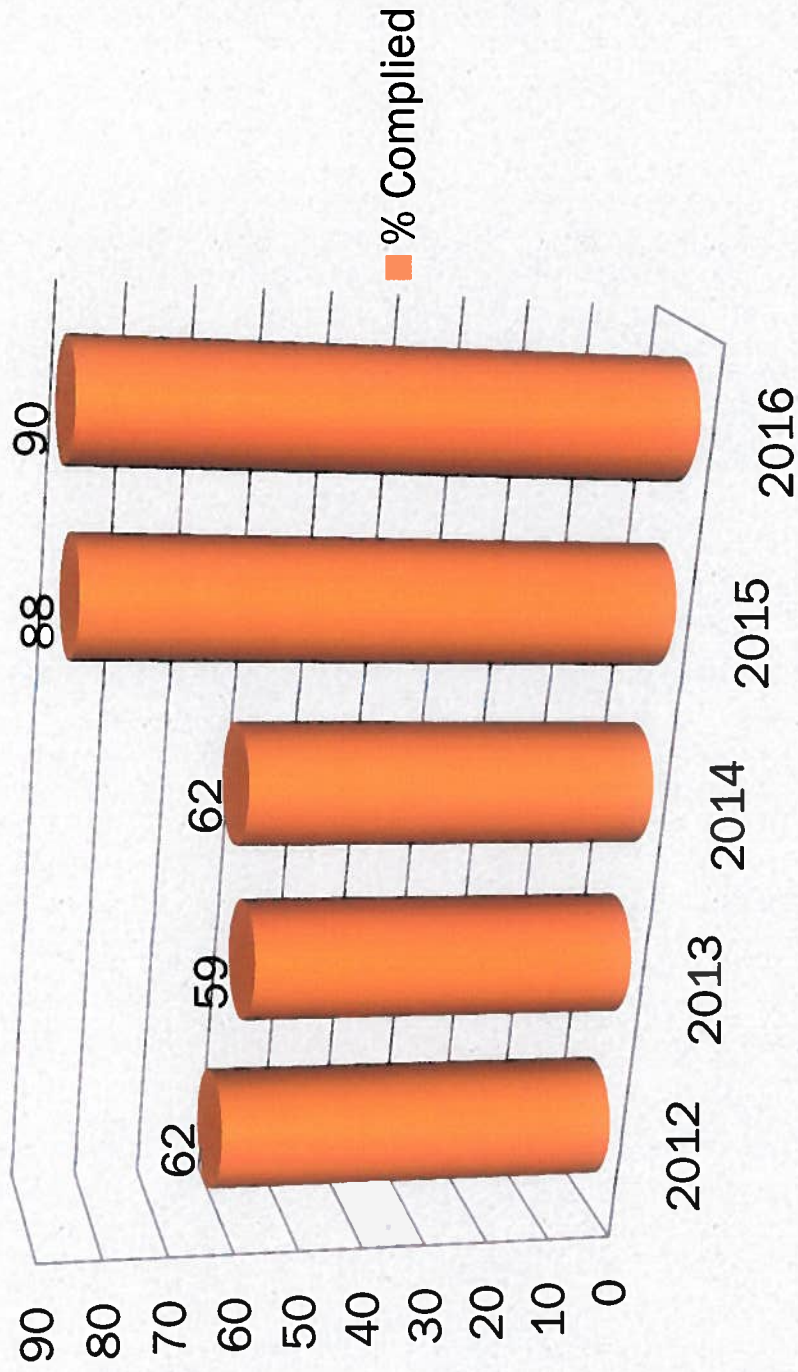
Inoperative Vehicle Locations



Inoperable Vehicle Cases (as of 12/21/2016)



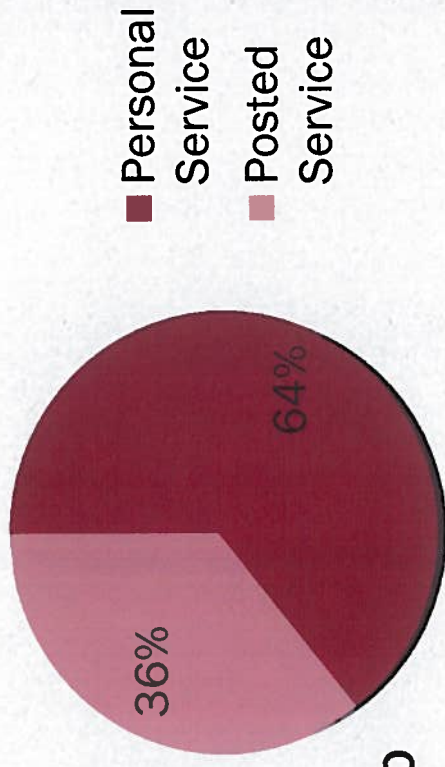
Inoperable Vehicle Compliance Percentage (as of 12/21/2016)



2016 Inoperable Vehicle

Summary

- 195 Inoperable Vehicle complaints were received (as of December 31)
- 177 cases have been closed (vehicle removed, vehicle properly stored)
- Compliance rate has risen to 90% with personal service up 22%



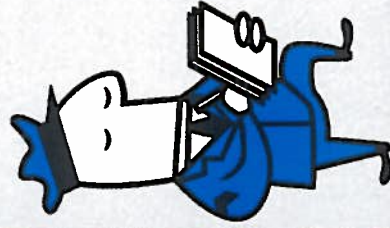
2016 Inoperable Vehicle Summary (Cont.)

- County Attorney's Office: Seventy-Three (73) certified letters sent out to the property owners.
- Eight (8) inoperative vehicles have been towed.



Inoperable Vehicle Complaints?

- Complaints can be submitted by email at:
communitypolicing@princegeorgecountyva.gov
- Complaints can also be submitted by calling
the Community Policing Unit at (804) 863-1847
- Complainants will remain anonymous





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